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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO INQUIRY ON EGYPTIAN DETAINEES

REF: CAIRO 4757

SUMMARY

¶1. (SBU) The following cable responds to Embassy Cairo's inquiry in reftel regarding six Egyptian nationals believed to be detained by Coalition Forces in Iraq.

BACKGROUND

¶2. (U) All detainees held by Coalition Forces in Iraq are held on the authority of UNSCR 1546, which authorizes Coalition Forces to detain individuals posing an imperative threat to security. Detainees are subject to regular review by the Iraqi-majority Combined Review and Release Board (CRRB), which recommends release or continued detention based on the UNSCR standard of "imperative threat". Detainees are also made available as appropriate for trial at the Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI).

DETAILS

¶3. (SBU) Details follow on the Egyptian-national detainees referenced in Reftel; all are or were held at Coalition detention facilities at Camp Bucca, near Um Qasr:

¶A. Ahmad Mohammad Abdelhalim Alrouri
DOB 11/1/1955, Detention number: US167346

Mr. Alrouri, a resident of Ramadi, Iraq, was detained by Marines in Ramadi on December 11, 2004 on suspicion of involvement in insurgent activity. He was voted for release by the CRRB on May 31, 2005, and his file has been sent to CENTCOM for a final namecheck and approval.

¶B. Maher Mansour Ahmad Almashi
DOB 11/13/1961, Detention number: US167352

Mr. Almashi, a resident of Baghdad, was detained by Marines in al-Anbar province on December 11, 2004; at the time of his detention, he was in possession of illegal weapons and had extensive ties to the insurgency. He was voted for continued detention as an imperative threat by the CRRB on May 25, 2005.

¶C. Amr Ibrahim Mohammad Mostafa Moussa
DOB 05/21/1976, Detention number: US160032

Mr. Moussa, residence unknown, was detained on April 12, 2004 on suspicion of attacks on Coalition and Iraqi targets. He has confessed to membership in a terrorist organization, and has been repeatedly voted for retention as an imperative security threat by the CRRB.

¶D. Kamal Abbas Morsi Moussa
DOB 4/20/1959, Detention number: US167880

Mr. Moussa, residence unknown, was detained on January 4, 2005 in Baghdad. Mr. Moussa was in possession of rocket-propelled grenades and explosives at the time of his apprehension; he is currently awaiting trial at the CCCI on charges of emplacing an explosive device.

¶E. Farghali Hamdan Bashir Farghal
DOB 1953, Detention number: US169297;

Mr. Farghal, a resident of Baghdad, was detained in al-Anbar province by Marines on January 15, 2005; he

was released from Coalition custody on April 15, 2005.

1F. Hossein Alsayed Atieh Moussa
DOB 1951, Detention number: US169327

Mr. Moussa, a resident of Baghdad, was detained in Baghdad on January 30, 2005; he was released from Coalition custody on April 16, 2005.

14. (SBU) The above information is not suitable for public release, but can be shared with the Government of Egypt and/or family members of detainees.

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